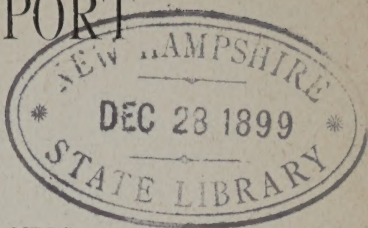


ANNUAL REPORT

—OF—



THE SELECTMEN

AND OTHER

TOWN OFFICERS,

—OF—

GRANTHAM, N. H.,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1882.

—LEBANON, N. H.:

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1882.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

JOSEPH H. GOSS, Treasurer, charges himself as follows :—

In my hands as Treasurer, 1880,	\$229. 90	
Rec'd of O. B. Buswell, Collector 1878,	90 00	
" " " 1879,	200 00	
G. E. Hatch, " 1880,	446 19	
H. H. Currier, " 1881,	2,720 00	
A. Spiller, use town hall,	1 83	
Chas. H. Bean, for grass,	1 00	
H. J. Walker, lease,	12 50	
Rufus Hall, "	6 10	
Chas. H. Bean, "	18 75	
Benj. Sargent, "	14 00	
Sam'l Currier, "	55 45	
State R. R. tax,	35 77	
State Savings Bank tax,	226 20	
State Literary fund,	46 87	
County, for paupers,	583 79	
Selectmen, borrowed money,	2,920 00	
Wm. Washburn, for hay,	12 00	
" on farm,	35 00	
Norman Thornton, hay,	8 00	
	<hr style="width: 100px; display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle;"/>	\$7,663 25

Joseph H. Goss Treasurer, credits himself as follows :—

Paid by order Selectmen, County tax,	\$429 99	
" " " State tax,	412 00	
	<hr style="width: 100px; display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle;"/>	\$841 99

SCHOOL MONEY.

District No. 1, Rufus Hall,	\$201 50	
2, Oliver Nichols,	52 00	
3, W. H. Miller,	109 00	
4, H. H. Currier,	48 00	
5, F. S. Currier,	45 00	
6, C. C. Thornton,	38 00	
Union Dist., Newton Clough,	60 00	
Justus Hayward, school house		
tax No. 5,	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$563 50

DAMAGE TO SHEEP BY DOGS.

A. S. Walker,	\$2 85	
Justus Hayward,	3 44	
A. L. Brown,	5 77	
Joab Walker,	5 17	
Willie H. Hayward,	7 77	
	<hr/>	\$25 00

TOWN OFFICERS.

L. B. Hayward, Supervisor,	\$2 50	
James B. Colby, "	2 50	
Henry H. Currier, "	2 50	
F. B. Perkins, S. S. Committee,	15 00	
J. H. Goss, Treasurer,	70 00	
L. D. Dunbar, Selectman,	20 00	
D. S. Hastings, "	17 00	
Wm. Wallace, "	17 00	
	<hr/>	\$86 50

BREAKING ROADS.

Samuel Currier, spring 1881,	\$2 15	
John E. Corlis, — "	1 90	
James Barton, "	2 40	
John Hastings, "	1 70	
J. S. Clement, "	2 60	
O. Nichols, "	80	
H. H. Currier, "	2 80	
Z. V. Hastings, "	8 30	
D. E. Ryder, "	3 40	

Geo. Colburn, Spring 1881,	\$1 00	
O. F. Buswell, "	2 60	
A. L. Brown, "	8 50	
I. W. Peabody, "	8 00	
Chas. H. Bean, "	3 80	
E. Howard, "	1 00	
Jas. B. Colby, "	1 65	
L. B. Haywood, "	60	
Geo. Currier, "	2 25	
E. Austin, "	4 00	
James Barton, winter 1882,	1 30	<i>\$59.45</i>
J. E. Corlis, "	1 80	
J. Y. Covey, "	1 40	
H. H. Currier, "	50	
J. H. Currier, "	7 70	
O. Nichols, "	2 20	
W. Washburn, "	2 20	
Justus Haywood, "	4 00	
O. F. Buswell, "	3 80	
J. S. Clement, "	5 90	
John Hastings, "	1 70	
Geo. C. Austin, "	2 00	
Geo. Currier, "	1 70	
H. E. Brown, "	9 40	
I. S. Colby, "	3 30	
F. C. Leavitt, winter '81 and '82,	2 70	
E. Austin, "	4 00	
J. B. Rollins, "	30	
	—	\$55 90

WORK AND MATERIALS ON HIGHWAYS.

F. C. Leavitt, work,	\$ 3 15
O. Nichols, "	6 25
I. W. Peabody, 388 ft. plank,	2 72
Z. V. Hastings, work,	2 20
J. N. Hastings, "	5 50
Geo. Currier, 250 ft. plank and work,	2 50
J. Y. Covey, work,	5 00
John Hastings, plank and work,	1 50
Chas. H. Bean, " '79,	8 20
" 560 ft. timber and work,	10 85
A. Merrill, work,	2 20
J. Haywood, timber and work,	3 50
B. F. Goss, 11 stringers and work,	10 32

L. P. Sanders, 130 ft. plank,	\$1 04	
J. D. Hemphill, filling up brook,	16 00	
John Hammon, work,	2 44	
Orin Heath, 4 stringers,	12 00	
Silas Hanks, work,	4 25	
S. Currier, cutting bushes,	2 50	
M. J. Hastings, plank, \$3.75, and work, \$2.25,	9 00	
James Barton, work,	10 40	
Horace Green, "	1 00	
J. C. Crooker, "	50	
O. W. Corlis, "	4 22	
J. C. Crossman, "	37	
T. J. Morrill, "	4 00	
M. P. Burpée, " and plank,	17 00	
J. E. Corlis, "	8 30	
Jas. B. Colby, "	3 00	
L. D. Dunbar, timber and "	5 00	
Geo. W. Dunbar, 2,928 ft. plank,	23 42	
Newton Clough, work,	4 67	
		<hr/> \$193 10

SUPPORT OF POOR—TOWN CHARGES.

W. C. Kempton, for A. S. Walker,	\$29 40	
Isabel Walker, " "	3 00	
Mrs. Laraby, " "	3 00	
L. D. Dunbar, " "	28 48	
Benj. Sargent, for Mrs. Fowler,	1 58	
L. D. Dunbar, " "	79	
" funeral expenses Sally Howe,	20 00	
D. C. Currier, washing for "	1 50	
County Sullivan, M. E. Hammon,	65 00	
O. B. Buswell, Ransom York,	33 55	
		<hr/> \$187 30

COUNTY CHARGES.

Miss Buel,	\$107 05
J. H. Howard,	46 06
Lydia Hastings,	51 10
Eliza Phelps,	16 50
Geo. I. Phelps,	17 25
Willie Kempton,	11 76
Forest Kinton,	3 45
Norman C. Thornton,	58 13

Geo. Horton,	\$24 50	
Hamlin Saunders,	20 25	
Mrs. Crooker,	18 00	
A. Spiller,	226 29	
	<hr/>	\$600 34

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Rufus Hall, care of hearse,	\$ 6 50	
O. B. Buswell, water trough,	3 00	
M. P. Burpee, “	2 50	
Wm. H. Miller, “	3 00	
Bounty on 17 hawks,	2 40	
J. B. Sanborn, books,	12 63	
A. B. Freeman, printing reports,	16 00	
J. B. Smith, damage to horse,	90 00	
Chas. Thornton, “ wagon,	1 75	
Frank Leavitt, “ “	3 00	
Board, etc., H. Gault,	73 29	
Town Clerk, Lebanon,	25	
“ Enfield,	50	
“ Croydon,	50	
Dr. F. B. Perkins, record births and deaths,	3 75	
A. S. Wait, entering case in court,	5 00	
Newton Clough, repairing Heath's yoke,	1 75	
Stationery and postage,	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$229 32

PAID ON NOTES.

Mercy E. George,	\$1,043 20	
John Young,	77 15	
J. H. Goss,	206 20	
Melinda S. Barton,	45 12	
D. M. Bean,	115 40	
Chauncey Marshall,	2,027 94	
K. D. Smith,	200 00	
W. Wallace,	140 00	
A. Quimby,	64 00	
J. K. Kendall,	8 00	
F. B. Perkins,	8 23	
O. B. Buswell,	108 00	
“ Methodist Society,	4 00	
B. F. Goss,	52 00	
J. Hayward,	12 00	
H. F. Goss,	400 00	
<i>L. E. Ryder</i>	1625	\$4,527 49

Whole amount received by Treasurer,	\$7,663 25	
Whole amount orders paid,	7,367 89	
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Leaving in hands of treasurer,		\$295 36

JOSEPH H. GOSS,

Treasurer,

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The Selectmen charge themselves as follows :

Taxes assessed, April 1881,	\$3,418 00
Due on several tax books,	1,623 00
Interest due on same, April 1881,	50 00
Received of J. H. Walker, lease,	12 50
Benj. Sargent, “	14 00
Chas. H. Bean, “	18 75
Samuel Currier, “	55 45
Rufus Hall, “	6 00
Treasurer, 1880,	229 90
County, for paupers,	583 79
State, R. R. tax,	35 77
“ Savings Bank tax,	226 20
“ literary fund,	46 87
Wm. Washburn, for hay,	12 00
Wm. Washburn, on farm,	35 00
Norman Thornton, for hay,	8 00
A. Spiller, for use of hall,	1 82
Chas. H. Bean, for grass,	1 00

Received of O.H. Perkins, borrowed money,	\$250 00	
F. B. Perkins,	"	240 00
D. E. Thornton,	"	150 00
Justus Hayward,	"	100 00
Fannie E. Goss,	"	60 00
D. E. Ryder,	"	300 00
Etta Ryder,	"	20 00
W. Wallace,	"	400 00
Joshua Rollins,	"	300 00
L. D. Dunbar,	"	1,100 00
John Clark, note,		487 00
John Fisher, "		35 00
Two scrapers,		12 00
		<hr/> \$9,832 06

The Selectmen credit themselves as follows :

Paid to Treasurer, borrowed money,	\$2,920 00	
In hands of J. H. Goss, Treasurer, 1880,	229 90	
Paid by O. B. Buswell, Col., 1876-7-8-9,	290 00	
Geo. E. Hatch, " 1881,	446 19	
Henry H. Currier, Col., 1881,	2,720 00	
money rec'd from State,	308 84	
" County,	583 79	
" for leases,	106 70	
" Chas. H. Bean,	1 00	
" A. Spiller,	1 83	
" Wm. Washburn,	47 00	
" Norman Thornton,	8 00	
Due on John Clark note, 1 year's interest to be added,	487 00	
Due on John Fisher note, 1 year's interest to be added,	35 00	
Due on tax book, 1875,	15 00	
" " 1876,	18 81	
" " 1877,	87 38	
" " 1878,	188 68	
" " 1879,	139 24	
" " 1880,	401 00	
" " 1881,	688 00	
Interest,	50 00	
Two scrapers,	12 00	
Taxes abated on tax books,	46 70	
	<hr/> \$9,832 06	

Whole amount money paid Treasurer.	\$7,663 25
Whole amount of orders on Treasurer,	7,367 89
In hands of Treasurer,	<u>\$295 36</u>

AVAILABILITIES.

Due on several tax books,	\$1,538 71
Interest on same,	100 00
Due on leases,	54 30
John Clark note,	517 00
John Fisher note,	35 00
Due from State for bounties,	2 40
J. H. Goss, Treasurer,	295 36
Interest in Gault farm,	300 00
Two scrapers,	12 00
	<u>\$2,854 17</u>

LIABILITIES.

Notes with interest accrued,	\$14,607 71
Due school district No. 1,	38 50
H. H. Currier, Col. 1881,	28 00
dog tax, "	23 00
	<u>\$14,697 21</u>
Debt reported, March, 1881,	\$15,630 77
Azubah Sawyer, note overlooked and not reported,	156 00
Due J. B. Smith, damage to horse, then unadjusted,	90 00
	<u>\$15,876 77</u>
Actual debt,	\$15,876 77
Less availabilities,	2,868 77
	<u>\$13,008 00</u>
Liabilities, March 1882,	\$14,697 21
Availabilities,	2,854 97
	<u>\$11,842 24</u>

DOG DAMAGE CLAIMED, 1881.

Geo. B. Barton,	\$30 00
Rufus Hall,	25 00
Lucian E. Chase,	5 00
	<u>\$60 00</u>

TAXES ABATED.

On 1877 Book.

Arthur Spiller,	\$1 85	
John Young,	4 74	
John T. Weeks,	2 50	
	—	\$9 09

On 1878 Book.

Arthur Spiller,	\$2 25	
Clarence Phelps,	2 57	
Marshall D. Jenks,	2 09	
John Young,	11 07	
	—	\$17 98

On 1879 Book.

Arthur Spiller,	\$3 24	
J. H. Currier,	2 60	
Mitchel Call,	1 24	
Marshall D. Jenks,	2 55	
	—	\$9 63

On 1881 Book.

Albinus Jenks,	\$2 00	
Benj. F. Ela,	2 00	
Mrs. T. Chase,	2 00	
James Leeds,	2 00	
Ira W. Peabody,	2 00	
	—	\$10 00

LIST OF NOTES WITH INTEREST ADDED.

Methodist Society,	\$100 00
J. B. Green,	6 75
Justin Nichols,	18 38
Jennie Sanborn,	36 00
James Sargent,	60 00
A. H. Powers, 3 notes,	768 00
Moses Pillsbury,	80 00
B. F. Goss, 2 notes,	1,348 00
L. D. Dunbar, 4 "	2,100 00
D. E. Ryder, 2 "	430 00
Etta Ryder, 2 "	58 58
Aaron Quimby,	1,656 00

Justus Hayward, 2 notes,	\$400 00
J. R. Kendall,	200 00
W. B. Leavitt,	108 00
John Young,	700 00
O. H. Perkins,	367 00
Guy H. Buswell,	37 75
F. B. Perkins, 2 notes,	383 00
J. H. Goss, 2 notes,	1,337 00
M. S. Barton,	1,167 00
C. M.,	1,029 00
Azubah Sawyer,	162 00
Edwin Howard,	104 00
O. F. Buswell,	62 00
Betsey Kidder,	102 50
H. F. Goss,	1,000 00
Joshua Rollins,	311 00
D. E. Thornton,	153 00
Fannie Goss,	60 75
W. Wallace,	263 00
	<hr/> \$14,607 71

Respectfully submitted by

L. D. DUNBAR,	} Selectmen of Grantham.
D. S. HASTINGS,	
W. WALLACE,	

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

OF THE TOWN OF GRANTHAM.

The School Committee presents the following report of the condition of the schools for the school year 1881-82 :

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Rufus Hall, Prudential Committee. Summer term taught by Miss Ella McDaniel, of Springfield. The school was not in a very flourishing condition when Miss McDaniel first began her labors as teacher in this district. This was owing, perhaps, to the fact that there were but thirteen weeks of school during the preceding year, so that it was not surprising that the school was in the condition in which this teacher found it. Miss McD. succeeded in getting the scholars interested in their studies, consequently they made a good degree of advancement.

Fall and Winter schools taught by same teacher. Both terms were very profitable to the district. The scholars received the benefit of Miss McDaniels' long experience as a teacher, and under her improved methods of instruction, they were enabled to make quite rapid progress. Considerable attention was given to Written Spelling, an exercise which has been too much neglected in our common schools. Many of the pupils received high marks for their proficiency in this branch.

The scholars were unanimous in their appreciation of the kind endeavors of their teacher, and the parents, as well as your Committee, were highly pleased with the condition of the school, which has been decidedly improved and brought to a higher standard.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Oliver Nichols, Prudential Committee. Two terms of school in this district, taught by Mrs. Susan G. Stocker. Mrs. S. gave general satisfaction, teaching with her usual good success.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

William H. Miller, Prudential Committee. First term, taught by Miss Florence A. Eaton of Grafton. This school was conducted by a very practical teacher. Some of her methods of discipline were quite *effective* and *unique*. Miss Eaton taught a good school, and was much esteemed by the citizens of the district.

Winter term taught by Newell W. Bean. Good work was accomplished in this school. The pupils, after they became interested in their studies, worked with a will and made good improvement. The school was under thorough discipline. At the close of the term the examination was quite rigid, but the scholars gave evidence of having been thoroughly drilled. The master said in favor of the school, that there had been no *parrot talk* in the examination, also that there had been no special preparation for the examination. This teacher is opposed to such examinations, preferring to have pupils answer questions by the aid of their own brains. We found a fine class in book-keeping. The progress in nearly all the branches was commendable. Mr. Bean is a young man of scholarly habits, and knows how to conduct a good school.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Henry H. Currier, Prudential Committee. But one term

of school in this district, taught by Miss Betsey A. Stevens. The school opened well, with a small number of scholars. Your Committee was unable to be present at the close of the term, but from all reports, we judge the school was a success.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Fred S. Currier, Prudential Committee. Fall term taught by Miss Bertha M. Cooper, of Croydon. But few scholars in this school, consequently those in attendance had good advantages. Miss Cooper used the time faithfully, and the examination was satisfactory.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

C. C. Thornton, Prudential Committee. Fall term taught by Miss Rosette A. Rowell of Newport. This was Miss Rowell's first attempt at teaching. Considering her inexperience, she taught a good school and gave satisfaction so far as known.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

Newton Clough, Prudential Committee. Summer term taught by Miss Ina E. Bartlett, of George's Mills. The school was very well managed by Miss Bartlett and in good working condition when visited by your Committee. This lady gives evidence of making a very successful teacher.

Winter term taught by Clarence B. Cheney of Newbury. Although this was Mr. Cheney's first term of teaching, it was a splendid success. At the closing examination he conducted the exercises in a manner highly creditable to himself, as well as those whom he served.

Robinson's Arithmetics have been introduced into most of the schools, and are meeting with a warm reception. We think there is no desire to change back to Greenleaf's.

There are *three* different Grammars in use in the schools of this town, making a large number of classes, and a consequent misappropriation of the teacher's time. There should be a

change to *one* good author, and in our opinion, "Swinton" is an author who is rapidly taking a front rank as a grammarian. We are aware that "a change of text-books" is a subject which is looked upon with no little degree of concern, by those who are called upon to make frequent changes of school books, but parents should look to their children's well-fare, and second any and every movement whereby they are to be permanently benefitted. We live in an age of progression, and there are improvements in text-books as well as in methods of instruction, and every child should have the benefit of these improvements. There should be uniformity of school books throughout the State, and legislation is necessary for that purpose.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Fred C. Rollins, Anna M. Nichols, Laura A. Nichols, Vinnie M. Powers, Jerome J. Gault, Guy E. Currier, Albert A. Stocker, Wesley D. Currier, Mary V. Currier, Forest Weeks, Etta A. Cole, Laura M. Clough, Otis H. Brown, Henry J. Howard, Susie A. Pinney, Dell Saunders, Cynthia M. Merrill, Chas. M. Hastings, Guy H. Buswell, Reuben A. Pinney, Inla S. Brown, Carrie E. Crossman, Lucinda A. Hammon, Alice E. Hammon, Carrie A. Hook, Susie T. Walker, Elmer E. Crossman, Bertie J. Crossman, Edgar G. Howe, Elwin E. Sargent, Bertie R. Wallace, Emma M. Goss, Ellen A. Lewis, Inez M. Litchfield, Cora A. Rawson, Charlie L. Shaw, Elmer A. Spiller, Elwin L. Walker, Elbridge Walker.

ABSENT ON ACCOUNT OF SICKNESS.

Willie E. Kimpton, Willard O. Lewis, Melvin A. Walker, Cora B. Merrill, John L. Brown, Edgar L. Sargent, Lena F. Buswell, Adell E. Shaw.

Respectfully submitted,

F. B. PERKINS, M. D.,

Superintending School Committee.

GRANTHAM, March 1, 1882.

STATISTICS.

No. of District.	No. of Term.	NAMES OF TEACHERS.	Whole No. of Scholars.	Average Attendance.	No. of visits by S. S. Committee.	No. of visits by Prudential Committee	No. of visits by other citizens.	Length of School in weeks of 5 days.	Wages of Teachers per month, including board.
1	1	Ella McDaniel.	38	35	3	0	21	10	\$22 00
	2	" "	39	37	2	0	10	10	24 00
	3	" "	31	22	3	0	14	10	28 00
2	1	Susan G. Stocker.	9	9	2	0	4	7	14 00
	2	" "	10	10	2	0	8	8 ¹ / ₂	16 00
3	1	Florence A. Eaton.	15	13-63	2	1	27	10	18 00
	2	Newell W. Bean.	33	30	2	1	20	10	24 00
4	1	Betsey A. Stevens.	8	7	1	0	8	12	15 00
5	1	Bertha M. Cooper.	6	5	2	0	5	12	14 00
6	1	Rosette A. Rowell.	8	6	1	0	9	12	14 00
10	1	Ina E. Bartlett.	3	3	1	1	24	8	15 00
	2	Clarence B. Cheney.	6	4	2	1	34	13 ¹ / ₅	24 00

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